The Community Church of Widen

Donald M. Grant, D. D., Minister

Widen, West Virginia

April 22, 1930

Editor, The Presbyterian,
Philadelphia, Penna.

(Personal and not for publication)

My dear Sir:-

The accompanying article you may publish, either over my signature or otherwise, as you think best. I had expected to have Presbytery (Parkersburgh) adopt an Overture to be sent up to the General Assembly relative to our withdrawing from the Federal Council, but owing to the fact that I was not able to get it into the hands of the Committee on Bills and Overtures in time, they did not have sufficient opportunity to digest it, I thought it best not to present it from the floor of Presbytery, but I have not given up the thought of, at some future time, doing so.

Anent the Overtures from the Assembly you may be interested in knowing that we practically negatived every one of them. One, I believe, carried by a very small majority. A. B. & D. in which I was most especially interested, were negatived. You will doubtless have a report from the S. C. of Presbytery.

If I am wrong in my position conserning the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America I wish you would set me right. I have tried to give the matter careful consideration and do not want to do the organization any injustice; on the other hand, seeing things as I do, I am compelled to speak out.

I shall be pleased to hear from you at an early date. Thanking you in advance, I am,

Very sincerely yours,
Donald M. Grant
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Rev.Carl Heiligman
Sedalia, Mo.

Dear Brother Heiligman:

Yours of April 4th is before me. I note what you say about coming here for a canvass of my church for the PRESBYTERIAN.

Since the Presbyterian has backed down from its position regarding Princeton matters and has seen fit to oust Dr.Craig I am not especially interested in the paper,though I still take it. It seems a pity that even the staunch old Herold and Presbytery PRESBYTERIAN had to submit to H.O.Thompson's modernistic insistency. I am no more pleased with the MODERNISTS taking posession of every thing in sight,than I was two or three years ago. I believe I shall sit back and wathch Princeton and the PRESBYTERIAN for a year or two,as they protest their conservatism and wear the Modernist collar. Perhaps they can turn the trick.

If you could locate an independently conservative paper of the Presbyterian pursuasion,I should like to boost for it. I'd have to get a new ribbon if I said all that I feel like saying on this subject. I cant afford the price if the ribbon.

With high personal regards,and lingering hope for the futurs well being of the church and kingdom, I am as ever,

Yours very truly,

Warren F. Goff

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RICHMOND, VA. April 22, 1930.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D. D.,
Editor The Presbyterian,
1217 Market St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Robinson --

I am writing briefly to commend to your consideration the syndicating of the Uniform Sunday-school lessons by Dr. M. Ryerson Turnbull, of our General Assembly's Training School here at Richmond.

Dr. Turnbull's Sunday-school lessons have been an attractive feature of the Christian Observer, of Louisville, Ky., for a number of years, and a good many people are enthusiastic about them. Dr. David M. Sweets, Editor of the Christian Observer, can give you more detailed information about them.

Dr. Turnbull has a particular gift in turning the people to the Bible for original research and study. He seems to be able to impart his own enthusiasm for Bible study to his readers.

If you are in a position to make a change, I am sure you would find it profitable to examine Dr. Turnbull's methods.

We are sending you today complimentary copies of two of Dr. Turnbull's book studies, Genesis and Hebrews.

Cordially yours,

Gilbert Glass

April 9, 1930.

A. Goodell and Sons, Co.,
Loda, Illinois.

Gentlemen:-

May I ask concerning my Albright loan? I have heard absolutely nothing, have received no bill for taxes, have received no deed and received no information. Please answer sending to the above address.

Yours very sincerely,

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Dear Sir:

I am enclosing check for two dollars, for which kindly advance my subscription for the Presbyterian one year.

Notice Post Office address.

I was under the impression that my subscription date was March 31 instead of March 1 — That is the reason for not sending check sooner.

I am not asking any one else to subscribe now.

If it is to be the policy of the Presbyterian to accept the revolution in the church as an accomplished fact, and support the agencies and institutions as now controlled then I do not now see my way clear to support such a procedure. I feel that our church has gone definitely a liberalism, and if that shall prove to be the case then I shall have to finish my ministry along Biblical and historic lines in a more personal way.

Cordially Yours in the Gospel

Francis Lee Goff

My association with the Herald and Presbyter ran back before the Golden Wedding of my neighbor Dr. Joseph G. Monfort. From the merging of the H & P with the Presbyterian the latter has been a real satisfaction — until the present uncertainty as to its purpose.

DR. JAMES A. GORDON
WINONA LAKE, INDIANA

April 4, 1930

Editor Presbyterian:-

I join with a host of readers who wish you success, and who rejoice in your genial and Christlike editorial tone. The articles of Dr. Matthews and, recently, of Prof. Jenkins on the Ordination of woman, were rather a reversion to the old type, and contrasted unfavorably with the calm and more convincing article of a woman writer in your columns, Miss Ida Pierson, (March 20, 1930).

I have been reading Ian Maclaren's "The Scot in the Eighteenth Century," and Matthews' Prof. Jenkins' views on "The Monstrous regiment of the women, to use Knox's epithet, seem to be quite in accord with the status of woman in the 17th and 18th centuries. At that time in the Kirk no one thought of a woman's being a minister or elder, and as a rule she had no ~~education~~ schooling whatever; but if there was any one under suspicion as a witch and evil temptress, such as Eve was to Adam, it was likely to be a woman. The Kirk cautioned its ministers carefully to take note of all "witches, charmers," etc. and to see that the stern Mosaic law was rigidly enforced in sending them to the stake, and many suffered horrible and cruel deaths. They had the letter of the Mosaic law on their side, Exodus 22:18, "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live"; as Dr. Matthews and Prof. Jenkins have in Paul's plain injunctions "Let your women keep silence in the churches," and "I suffer not a woman to teach". However, he seems to permit them to prophesy, if they cover their heads and faces. And yet in almost all of the churches of the 20th century the majority of teachers in the Church schools for young and old are women; and many of our most zealous Fundamentalists, ministers, evangelists, Bible Institutes, Missions in every land, and all sorts of Christian organizations within and without the church, not only permit women to teach, but put them at the front in many activities. In spite of Paul, therefore the women are in, and have been for a long time; Prof. Jenkin's contention that not even in a mixed prayermeeting should they take part sounds ~~too much~~ like a Rip Van Winkle voice in our day. Or shall we have a new slogan, and seek to rally the men of our time in this "solemn peril" and latest "grave crisis", with the cry, "Turn the women out!"

Sincerely, James A. Gordon

April 8, 1930.

Rev. Francis Lee Goff, D.D.,
8357 Manchester Road,
Webster Groves, R. 5, Box 170,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Dr. Goff:-

I have your letter of April 4th. I quite agree with you that a liberal spirit seems to control our Church organizations and I am dead against it. I believe, however, that two great vehements have hindered rather than helped our cause.

Very sincerely yours,

April 8, 1930.

Dr. James A. Gordon,
Winona Lake, Ind.

Dear Dr. Gordon:-

I have your letter of April 4th. When an article is admitted with the name of the writer, the writer is responsible for its statements and spirit. I am very conservative in my belief but I will endeavor to keep a proper and Christian spirit in whatever I say.

Yours very truly,

March 24, 1930.

Rev. Murray H. Gardner,
Brewster, N. Y.

My dear "G":-

Thank you for your letter of the 21st instant. This is certainly new business for me and I find that it is impossible to please two people perfectly. One good lady from the South tore me out vehemently about the Taft editorial but yours and two other letters revived my spirit because of your approval. I am being very severely taken to task by some conservatives but I think I am also approved of by others.

Most gratefully and cordially yours,

THE MANSE
BREWSTER, N. Y.

Marach 21,1930.

Dear Court:-

I am addressing you at Delhi not knowing how your assumption of the editorship affects your place of residence. I hazzard the chance that in case you have removed you may not yet be forgotten in Del.Co. My congratulations on your Taft editorial. That is the first winsome thing I have seen on the face of the Presbyterian in many years. I trust that it may not be considered dangerously genial by the intransigeants.

A letter from Frank Everitt announces a reunion of our class in May. If nothing prevents I'll go and may see you.

Yours as ever,

Henry K. Farthow

March 14, 1930.

Rev. Wm. Gartshore,
South Ryegate,
Vermont.

Dear Mr. Gartshore:-

Your letter relative to the article you sent is in my hand. In the change of editors many things become confused and lost. I have not found your article and know nothing of it. If I find it I will read it, if possible use it, and if not will return it.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

Rev. William Gartshore, B. D.
MINISTER
First Presbyterian Church
South Ryegate, Vermont

March 12 1930

Editor- The Presbyterian

Dear Dr. Robinson;

Several months ago, I submitted a manuscript to The Presbyterian, under title; The Pilgrimage Of A King's Shadow, and have written twice recently to have some report of it without receiving any reply. It was addressed to Dr. Craig. Naturally, I am anxious. And if you can let me have an early reply regarding it, one way or the other, I shall be greatly oblidged.

Accept my congratulations on your appointment to the Editorship of our great paper. Wishing you a long and prosperous occupancy.

Sincerely yours

W. Gartshore

March 13, 1930.

Rev. L. B. Gibson, Ph.D.,
208 Cottingham Street,
Toronto, Ont., Canada.

Dear Dr. Gibson:-

Thank you for your letter of March 11th. I would be very glad to give as much space to the Canadian Church as I can fill. Articles and news items will be most acceptable. I have great interest in your struggle against the union movement of which I could not approve.

Very sincerely yours,

REV. L. B. GIBSON, B.D., PH.D., MINISTER
208 COTTINGHAM STREET
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Cooke's Presbyterian Church

QUEEN AND MUTUAL STREETS
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11th March 1930

Rev W. Courtland Robinson D.D.
Editor
"The Presbyterian"
Philadelphia.

My dear Dr Robinson,

Permit me to congratulate you on assuming the Editorship of the Presbyterian. Whilst I haven't had the pleasure of meeting you personally you have long been familiar to me as an honoured Christian minister.

Your first number of the Presbyterian was excellent and I wish for you in this ministry the best of success.

Our Presbyterian Church in Canada has no weekly paper and see no reason why you couldn't make your paper the organ of our Church by establishing a Canadian Presbyn page and promoting the circulation.

The Church here is well re-organized after a hard struggle and is loyal to the faith. Our initial difficulty was lack of sufficient ministers but this is being overcome, and the ranks are being filled.

With all good wishes & wishing you every blessing

Yours sincerely
C. B. Gibson

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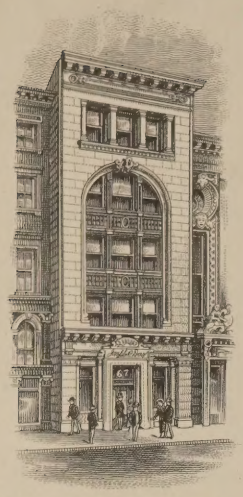

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Mr. W. C. Robinson,
The Presbyterian,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for yours of March 11th. I was and am a friend of Mr. S. G. Craig and am sorry he lost his job, but am sure you had nothing to do with it.

After reading your recent editorial in the Presbyterian, I am also your friend and wish you well.

May God Almighty bless you, and make you a blessing in your work, and fill your heart with His grace and truth.

Yours sincerely,
T M Galbreath
T. M. Galbreath.

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March 11, 1930.

Mr. T. M. Galbreath,
67 Liberty Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Galbreath:

Your letter of February 11th to the Directors of the PRESBYTERIAN has just come to my hand. It is not strictly my business to answer it, but I hope that I may aid you a little by writing.

You have been very generous to THE PRESBYTERIAN and we certainly wish to retain your friendship.

I was among those who opposed the reorganization of Princeton Seminary and was among those removed from authority. My great desire is to hold that property if it is possible. I think you express the same desire. As we Conservatives are now the "under dog" we cannot be as pugnacious as the Modernists, who are in authority at every point. My effort is to win friends to the Conservative cause.

I had nothing whatever to do with the matter of the resignation or dismissal of Dr. Craig. He has told me he knew I had nothing to do with it. My methods will be different because I am different, but I sympathize with his attitude very much. I hope you may find it possible to continue your support to THE PRESBYTERIAN.

Very truly yours,

W. COURTLAND ROBINSON

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